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Letters to The Times

Dilemma in Vietnam

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:
The successive coups d'etat in South Vietnam, even if they have not been prodded by our C.I.A., have seriously weakened the fight against the Vietcong.

The United States is faced in Southeast Asia with alternatives of defeat at the hands of guerrillas or the neutralization of that area. Between these two alternatives Americans need hardly hesitate.

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